

## "THE BIBLICAL RECORDER" TALKS OF TOWN AND CONVENTION!

The following extracts from the Biblical Recorder, anent the Baptist State Convention, recently held in Hendersonville, will be of interest.

The Biblical Recorder goes into nearly fifteen thousand North Carolina Baptist homes. It should go into twenty thousand and under the capable direction of its brilliant editor, Rev. Hight C. Moore, will undoubtedly soon do so.

### Hustling Hendersonville.

According to appointment, the convention was held last week in that happy, healthful, hustling, hospitable highland city—Hendersonville. It is beautifully situated on an undulating plateau just beyond the Blue Ridge. Fertile fields and meadows stretch away from it on every side to the peak-fringed horizon. Its permanent population numbers 3,000 or more, and the summer tides quadruple its census, last summer, for example, registering in its guest-books not fewer than 12,000 names. It has many beautiful homes, some of them elegant, and its hotels are far-famed. It has good churches and schools, several substantial business houses, four strong banks, a good telephone exchange, two big Lake Clubs, and various other enterprises. The court-house, in which the convention met, is one of the finest in the state. On the streets and sidewalks \$70,000 is now being spent and a \$60,000 Federal building is on the way. An electric street-car system, free city delivery of mail, an electric line to Asheville, and a good roads movement in the county are immediate probabilities. But better than all are the good people of the city—the strong men and fair women who within its gates are bringing things to pass for the betterment of the city and section.

### Full Report of Daily Herald.

The Daily Herald of Hendersonville gave full and sympathetic reports of the Convention, published thirty or forty pictures of brethren in various parts of the state, gave several editorials to the work of the body, and in every way exhibited splendid journalistic enterprise. The city editor, Mr. R. Barrows, did his work well, and it was greatly appreciated by convention delegates and visitors. Hon. M. L. Shipman, our efficient State Labor Commissioner, is editor-in-chief of the Herald and of the French Broad Hustler; and he was on hand contributing much to the entertainment and success of the convention.

### The Baptists of Hendersonville.

In 1845 the first Baptist church of Hendersonville was organized. The first pastor was Elder James R. White. The list of his successors includes the names of the following ministers: Nelson Bowen, Butcher, Justice, G. S. Jones, D. B. Nelson, Elijah Allison, Joseph E. Carter, J. B. Boone, John Mitchell, D. Glenn, Samuel Gibson, William Richards, A. R. Love, M. L. Lawton, and J. G. Hughes. The present pastor is Rev. K. W. Cawthon, who has just taken charge, beginning his ministry most auspiciously. The membership of the First church is reported to the Association in October, is 273, its property (including parsonage) is valued at \$41,000 and its contributions for the year were \$2,486. Of the Hendersonville church (recently organized), Elder A. I. Justice is pastor. The reported membership is fifty-nine, its church property is worth \$2,500, and its contributions were \$1,900 for the year. The Baptist cause in Hendersonville is in good condition and is progressing rapidly.

### A Great Revival.

For two weeks before the Convention assembled Evangelist George C. Cates had been conducting at Hendersonville a meeting of great power and influence. Every body attended and was deeply impressed; Christians were aroused and revived; there were more than 100 professions of faith, about half of whom had united with the churches of the town; and there was in every office and home the glow of religious fervor. It was

a holy atmosphere for the Convention to enter. And it was to the credit of the messengers, as Brother Cates bore witness at the Convention's close, that their presence deepened rather than effaced the good impressions made. Both Cates attended the Convention every day and continued evangelistic services at night. He is a remarkable man, greatly used of God in soul-winning, and we rejoice at the revival under his preaching at Hendersonville.

### Words of Welcome.

Pastor K. W. Cawthon introduced Hon. Charles French Toms who, in a well prepared and well received address, gave his brethren hearty welcome to Hendersonville, a city of the glad hand, of conventions, and chautauques. Mayor R. H. Staton, another active Baptist, followed with much cordiality and heartiness. On behalf of the Convention Rev. Walter N. Johnson made unique and impressive response, regretting that more delegates were not here to accept this gracious hospitality, urging larger attendance on the ground that our State Convention must stand for the great popular Baptist impulse, and suggesting that the Convention be entertained on the Harvard plan (simply lodging and breakfast.) A hearty welcome heartily accepted.

### A Beautiful Incident.

At this point occurred a beautiful incident—a loving tribute to one of the grand old men of the denomination. After Brother Johnson had finished his speech, Elder F. M. Jordan arose and spoke feelingly of his long laborious life as a minister of the gospel, preaching in every part of the state and baptizing more than 5,000 converts. With great appreciation he told how the education of two of his daughters had been provided for by friends, one graduating at Chowan College, the other now taking a course at Meredith College. The youngest of his daughters, yet in school and anxious for college training being present, he called her to him and with emotion on her part and his, he introduced her to his brethren. Instantly President Bruner offered to educate her at Chowan College, Pastor Butler, of Hertford, pledging co-operation and Elder Josiah Elliott placing ten dollars in Brother Jordan's hand, whereupon a spontaneous offering was made while the audience stood and wept and sang, "When I can read my title clear." Brother Jordan leading and many coming forward to grasp his hand. The collection amounted to \$62.28. Brother Jordan thanked his friends, and a striking scene passed into history.

### Everyone Had Best Home.

Every messenger at Hendersonville avers that he had the best home in the city—a fine tribute to the charming cordiality of that delightful town. The editor of the Recorder must, however, be allowed to claim the strongest superlative for the hospitality accorded him and the President of Mars Hill College. We were entertained in the home of that saintly and revered mother in Israel, Mrs. J. S. Hawkins, who, attended by her faithful daughter, Mrs. M. G. Hudgins, is spending the evening of her days in the home over which she has presided for more than three-score years. She is now eighty-six years of age, and the oldest member of our church at Hendersonville. Her sight is nearly gone, her strength has failed, she must be constantly attended, and she was unable to visit the Convention, though within two blocks of her door, but with alert mind she spoke of passing events, recalled the early days of Baptist struggle in this section, and took a deep interest in the proceedings of the Convention. It was a benediction to be in her home, where so many servants of God have found a hearty welcome through the years. She cannot linger long before the gates of life eternal open wide to welcome her to the better world. May the sun of her life reach the horizon in a sky unclouded!

### The Ridge Corn Contest Club

A few of the farmers of the Blue Ridge township realized that they were losing money on their corn crops. For the betterment of the community they organized a club and agreed that they would give one dollar each to the one of their members who made the largest yield on an unimproved acre. The land which they used was all unimproved and would have made an average of over ten bushels to an acre.

They have made yields, all of of them, which they may feel proud of. That is not all, they have an acre of ground, either one of the fourteen will tell you that it is worth from twice to four times what it was when they began for their corn crop last spring.

The following are the yields:

Hamilton Jones, 44 bushels and 7 lbs.
J. H. Hyder, 47 bushels and 57 pounds.
H. L. Ward 34 bushels and 17 pounds.
General Ward, 33 bushels and 19 pounds.
T. P. Garret, 41 bushels and 27 pounds.
R. E. Ward, 70 bushels and 45 pounds.
P. T. Ward, 65 bushels and 30 pounds.
O. L. Merchants 52 bushels and 30 pounds.
W. F. Gibbs, 70 bushels and 68 pounds.
Horace Case, 38 bushels
Ben Blackwell, 51 bushels and 58 pounds.
Tom Blackwell, 47 bushels and 17 pounds.

Blake ward, not gathered.

The following are the costs and profits of two of the contestants.

Hamilton Jones, costs:	
4 bags of fertilizer	\$11.20
1 sack of Nitrate Soda	5.50
3 loads of Barn-yard Manure	3.00
Labor	5.00
Total	\$24.70

### Profits.

44 bushels at 75c	\$33.00
400 bushels tops at 2c	8.00
Total	\$41.00

R. E. Ward, costs:

5 bags phosphoric acid	\$ 9.00
1 sack nitrate soda	5.50
24 bushels lime	5.00
17 loads manure	17.00
Labor	5.50
Total	\$42.00

### Profits.

70 bushels at 75c	\$52.50
Cut Stover	16.00
Total	\$68.50

From this we can see that one made \$14.70 and the other \$26.50 besides the improvement of their land. We can readily see the difference between the use of and the none use of lime. But we could not say that lime made the whole difference. But it is evident that lime helped.

It would be a good idea for all the townships of Henderson county to have a corn club and then have a general one for the whole county. That is to have a prize for each township and one for the largest yield in the whole county.

What have you to say farmers? WALDO BROWN.

### Pleased With the Reminder.

Mr. W. B. Fewell, speaking of the little reminders of subscription being sent out from this office, says:

"I took your letter home and we all enjoyed a good laugh over it. At first I was tempted not to send my little amount due you, wishing to see what you would say in your next letter, but on second thought changed my mind, and herewith hand you amount due. Your letter was the most pleasant dun I have ever received."

### THE LATEST NEWS

#### FROM RALEIGH.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 13.—Miss Adeline Keith, daughter of B. F. Keith, collector of customs for the port of Wilmington, who was terribly burned more than two months ago through an accident with alcohol used in her room at Meredith College her, has so far recovered as to be able to be removed from the college infirmary to the home of her parents in Wilmington. Her hand and arm and one side were badly burned, bandages being still necessary. She traveled on a cot on which she was carried into the car.

Here today on business with Governor Kitchin was Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist and secretary of the State Good Roads Association. He is enthusiastic over the progress of the movement for the formation of county good roads association that will co-operate with the state association. He says there are already formed 27 of these county associations and that others are to be organized before January 15 in a dozen or more counties, many dates being already fixed. These include Randolph, Richmond, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Pender, Duplin and other counties. He is being assisted in this work by Engineer W. L. Spoon. It is understood that there is to be a determined effort during the approaching legislature for the creation of a state highway commission that will bring about a systematic road improvement the state over.

The state supreme court is this week hearing the final arguments of the term. The adjournment to the spring or February term to take place early next week, most probably. The sixteenth district cases are being heard this week. However, considerable time was devoted today to an appeal set down from a previous district, State vs. Tinner Holly, from Guilford that is novel in several respects. The prisoner has already served one year of a five year sentence for larceny and is making a fight for his liberty on the ground that the trial judge exceeded his authority in sentencing for five years when the larceny of which he was convicted was of articles worth \$10. The contention is that this degree of larceny is punishable by not more than one year sentence. There was a writ of habeas corpus hearing before Associate Justice Platt D. Walker of the supreme court yesterday in this case in which the justice declined to grant the writ. He is therefore not participating in the hearing before the supreme court now. Tinner Holly is a negro and his is a "pauper appeal."

### Road Meeting on Saturday.

If you are interested in the Henderson county road law, present, past, or to be, go to the meeting at the court house on Saturday. There's going to be a full discussion, it is hoped, of the matter, and you want to be there and express your opinion.

### A Sample of Many.

Here is a sample of the many letters being received here by the hosts and hostesses of the recent convention. This is from Rev. A. E. Brown, superintendent of Mountain Schools, who says:

"I am still enjoying the inspiration received at the convention. I beg to thank you again for your kind hospitality and to congratulate you, your church and town upon the splendid entertainment. The convention was never better entertained. I have heard only expressions of gratification at the entertainment."

### CHARLOTTE CAPITALISTS BUY BIG TRACT LAND.

Smith & Schenck, the well known legal firm, have been employed to investigate titles and make abstracts of a large body of land, including many separate tracts, south of Kanuga Lake Colony, for a company of wealthy Charlotte men.

The deals have been closed and will be consummated as soon as the titles can be passed upon.

The work of investigating the titles has been going on since the first of last week.

That's just the bald, plain, unornamented recital of certain FACTS.

### TO FORM COTTON

#### MILL TRUST.

Columbia, Dec. 14.—Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville, the most prominent cotton man in South Carolina, was in Columbia Tuesday, enroute home from Charleston, where he announced, Monday, a scheme for the largest mill merger ever attempted in the south. Mr. Parker is at the head of or is interested in nine big cotton mills in this state and his visit to Charleston was made for the purpose of presenting to the Charleston stockholders of these mills a proposition to merge them all into one company under one executive management. The proposition was made and the plan explained at a meeting of the local stockholders held at the Commercial Club in Charleston. No action was taken at the meeting, but it is understood that a majority of the stockholders are heartily in favor of Mr. Parker's plan.

### Grow Burley Tobacco Here.

Hon. A. Cannon has returned from a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture at Raleigh. Mr. Cannon is quite enthusiastic over the proposition of the agricultural department to try the experiment of growing burley tobacco in this section. He believes it can be successfully grown at a good profit to the farmer. One man in Madison county realized \$284 from one acre of burley and Mr. Cannon is confident the farmers of Henderson will find it a good cash crop. It will be of interest, by the way, to know that some of that fine corn recently on exhibition in this office, grown by Mr. Canon, has been shipped to the Ohio corn exhibit by the state.

### A Modern Lumber Yard.

Forced to enlarge the already big lumber yards twice during his two years of business, vastly increased storage room under cover, bigger shipments, and a stronger and stronger hold upon the confidence of the people—this briefly, is the history of one of Hendersonville's best known business firms, that of Mr. J. R. Willson, dealer in lumber of all kinds as well as building material of all kinds, too. In fact, if there is anything that goes into a new house which is not handled by Mr. Willson, that gentleman would be glad to know of it.

But really, the marked increase in the business done by this firm during its two years of life here reflects the steady growth of Hendersonville. For instance, the yards have been enlarged twice during that time. Additional sheds have been provided. A much larger stock is carried. Mr. Willson has a car load of the unquestionably superior Ajax tin shingles now on the road, making four cars of this fine article sold here in the past three months. Again, Mr. Willson has contracted with one mill alone for two hundred thousand feet of framing, which is some amount of lumber, you will admit. He orders even such an article as window weights by the solid car, and most everything else in the same way.

The motto of this firm, "Quality," is, possibly, the one word that explains its success. Some contractors there are who believe J. R. Willson's No. 2 stuff is equal to much sold elsewhere as No. 1. However that may be, certain it is that the motto of "Quality" is a fitting one, and under all circumstances it is lived up to.

## BANKERS MEET HERE IN JUNE!

Special to the Hustler.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—The North Carolina Bankers Association will meet in Hendersonville, at Kanuga Lake, on June 21, 22, and 23.

The executive committee of the Association met here today and unanimously decided to hold their convention at Kanuga Lake.



This is the way the Old Man looks when he strikes Henderson county.

### A Merry Christmas.

The French Broad Hustler, with this, its Christmas edition, wishes each and every one of its fifteen hundred subscribers a Very Merry Christmas.

There is twenty-four pages to this issue—while not the largest paper ever published in Hendersonville The Hustler thinks it is one of the best. Everybody has tried to make it so, at all events, and that is all they can do, isn't it?

The business men of Hendersonville have helped. They most certainly have. It is generally acknowledged these days that the Hustler is absolutely the best advertising medium in Western North Carolina. It goes into the homes of the people and it is read. It is a clean paper from first to last, and has the very generous support of Henderson county.

Every merchant represented in this paper is worthy of your confidence. Read what they have to say to you. You will find a most gratifying absence of "sensational" advertising—just straight, plain heart to heart talks with you—people they all know and whose merited confidence they wish to win.

The paper is really a "shorter's guide" and if you are guided in your selection of Christmas gifts by it you cannot go far wrong.

The Hustler again wishes each and every one of its readers, democrats and republicans alike, a Very Merry Christmas, and if this copy of the paper contributes even a little mite towards making that Christmas a Happier or a Merrier one it will feel well repaid for its labor.

### Proud of the Road Supervisors' Work.

Said a well known professional man of Hendersonville yesterday: "Whatever the outcome of the meeting at the court house Saturday, I am most certainly in favor of insisting Mr. P. F. Patton at the head of the work. There is a man who is proud of his work, as we are, who thoroughly understands the work of building good roads, as has been demonstrated. His heart is in his work and he is the one man for the position."

The very many friends and admirers of Dr. Meriwether, of Asheville, and one of the best known surgeons in the South, will be pleased to learn that he is now said to be out of danger after lingering dangerously close to the death line for several days. A slight prick of a needle, while performing an operation, resulted in blood poisoning, with almost fatal results.